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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 13-21 are pending. Claims 1-12 are withdrawn from further consideration.

Claims 14-17, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 14 to clarify the language thereof.


Claims 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Reider (EP 0626283). Claims 13-15 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Karl (DE 10014946).

In the Office action, the Examiner states that claims 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph. Applicants have amended claim 13 to include the limitations of claim 19. Applicants believe that claim 13 is patentable over the applied references, and is now in condition for allowance.

Applicants have rewritten claim 19 in independent form in order to include the limitations of claims 13, 15 and 16. Applicants believe that claim 19 is now in condition for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance.

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